

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

<u>1) ROLL CALL</u>		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	(East Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert	(West Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Council Vice President	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson	(South Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason, Council President	(North Ward)	_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk	_____	_____
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk	_____	_____
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator	_____	_____
Laquana Best, Planning Director	_____	_____
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief	_____	_____
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer	_____	_____
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer	_____	_____
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector	_____	_____
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director	_____	_____
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney	_____	_____
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor	_____	_____
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services	_____	_____
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer	_____	_____
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief	_____	_____
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office	_____	_____
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office	_____	_____
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office	_____	_____

2) SUNSHINE LAW

The requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger, and published in the Record-Transcript on July 13, 2023, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Council's website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

3) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- **September 18, 2023 Closed (Executive Session) Meeting Minutes**
(Councilmembers Summers-Johnson & Wooten were absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

- **September 19, 2023 Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**
(Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent & Councilmember Hilbert arrived late, both should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

- **September 19, 2023 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes**
(Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent & should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

4) **REPORTS:** None.

5) **CONSTABLE REPORTS:** None.

6) **OPRA REPORTS:** None.

7) **COUNCIL REPORTS:**
Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

8) **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** None.

9) **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**
“SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in this portion of the Council Meeting via the audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so by the Council President. All public comments submitted though electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to respond to not respond during the meeting to any citizen’s questions or comments. If the Council wishes to address any comments, it shall be done during the remote public meeting.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments: Second:

10) **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

11) **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING.**

24-2021 An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of the Orange Township Chapter 4 entitled "Administration of Government", Article II entitled "City Council"; Section 15 entitled "City Clerk". *(Postponed since the June 1, 2021 Council Meeting)*

a) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:

49-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic”, Section 200-10.2 Residential Parking Permit. (Pierson Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:

50-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township as Chapter 121 entitled “Driving School Registration”. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:

51-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-two (22) year period and to authorize the twenty-two (22) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and 150 Taylor Orange Urban Renewal LLC.

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:

52-2023 An ordinance rescinding Ordinance #42-2022 adopted on August 3, 2022, creating a parking authority in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11A-1 et seq.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

53-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (325 Olcott Street)

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

54-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (725 Burnside Street)

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

55-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-two (22) year period and to authorize the twenty-two (22) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and B&O Urban Renewal Entity, LLC, and authorizing a pledge agreement and other documents in connection with the issuance by the City of its redevelopment area bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance a portion of the costs of such redevelopment project.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

56-2023 A bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of various properties required to construct Joyce Carnegie Memorial Park, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$1,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,428,500 bonds or notes of the City to finance part of the cost thereof.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

57-2023 A bond ordinance providing for various acquisitions and improvements to the City’s water and sewer system, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes of the water and sewer utility of the City to finance the costs thereof.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

58-2023 A capital ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for various upgrades to police vehicles for the Police Department of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

59-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and 595 Lincoln Orange Urban Renewal LLC.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:

60-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-two (22) year period and to authorize the twenty-two (22) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and 51 Taylor Urban Renewal LLC.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:

12) ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

65-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three (23) year period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: November 8, 2023

66-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three year (23) period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and VA 100 Urban Renewal, LLC.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: November 8, 2023

13) CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

RESOLUTIONS NO *387-2023 THROUGH *412-2023

***387-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of unused Zoning Board Escrows totaling \$2,822.50, deposited by Manasse Associates in connection with construction at Block 6091, Lot 2, commonly known as 480 Heywood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

***388-2023** A resolution celebrating the life of Nicole Williams-James. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson & the Municipal Council)

***389-2023** A resolution for the Orange Municipal Council to publicly acknowledge the partnership of Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten and Oakwood Avenue Community School. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

- *390-2023** A resolution observing September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *391-2023** A resolution to observe October 2023 as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *392-2023** A resolution celebrating the life of former West Ward Councilmember Maria Vandermeer. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *393-2023** A resolution recognizing the various health related days that address an increased awareness in the City of Orange Township.
- *394-2023** A resolution recognizing National Book Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *395-2023** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Jason Levin for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 1702 Lot 3 also known as 44 Hillyer Street in the amount of \$552.11.
- *396-2023** A resolution authorizing a refund of three hundred and ninety dollars (\$390.00) paid by Aimee Banks of 185 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey for the trip to Sight and Sound to see “Moses Play” sponsored by the Orange Older Adults Division, reference receipt number 235757 dated 5/19/2023, receipt number 235374 and 235370 dated 5/30/2023.
- *397-2023** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency main water and sewer replacements on Thomas Street (between Burnside Street and Carroll Street) in the amount not to exceed \$1,679,416.95.
- *398-2023** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services Phase IV contract administration & construction observation for the CDBG’22 Laurel Street Roadway Improvements (between Scotland Road to Lincoln Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$13,025.00.
- *399-2023** A resolution authorizing a contract to Barnwell House of Tires, Inc., 112 Lehigh Drive, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 to purchase various models and sizes of tires via catalog discount for automotive, light truck and medium fleet vehicles under the Essex County Co-Op #22-169 commencing October 12, 2023 through October 11, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.
- *400-2023** A resolution ratifying and authorizing a contract for services with PowerDMS located at 100 South Garland Avenue Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32801 to maintain the electronic document management for fire policies within the Orange Fire Department from May 4, 2023 until May 3, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$8,960.90.
- *401-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey ratifying the acquisition in lieu of condemnation of Block 2805, Lot 4 on the City’s official tax maps, more commonly known as 55 South Day Street, for an amount not exceed \$255,000.00.
- *402-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey ratifying the acquisition in lieu of condemnation of Block 2805, Lot 6 on the City’s official tax maps, more commonly known as 61 South Day Street, for an amount not to exceed \$255,000.00.

- *403-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, accepting the Planning Board’s recommendation to designate 52 parcels located throughout the City as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.*, to be known as the “Scattered Sites Redevelopment Area”.
- *404-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, declaring an emergency and waiving the 20-day statutory estoppel period following adoption of Ordinance No. 56-2023.
- *405-2023** A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a community benefits agreement with VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 475 Main Street and 27 Ridge Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 2301, Lots 38 and 31.
- *406-2023** A resolution designating VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 475 Main Street and 2 Ridge Street identified on the City tax map as Block 2301, Lots 38 and 31 and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.
- *407-2023** A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a community benefits agreement with VA 100M Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 92-106 South Main Street and 13-27 Prince Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 3002, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
- *408-2023** A resolution designating VA 100M Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 92-106 South Main Street and 13-27 Prince Street identified on the City tax map as Block 3002, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with VA 100M Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.
- *409-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on October 3, 2023 dated September 27, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,382,037.80)
- *410-2023** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to accept a subgrant award of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Fiscal Year 2021 Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety.
- *411-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing an agreement between the City and National Life Group to provide a deferred compensation plan for City employees.
- *412-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing an agreement between the City and Equitable Life Insurance Company to provide a deferred compensation plan for City employees.

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Second:

14) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

15) NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.